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BOARD OF EMS MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2003
9:30 AM
MAINE EMS CONFERENCE ROOM

MINUTES

Members Present: John Alexander, Alan Azzara, Robert Ashby, Leo Bouchard (Chair), John Burton, Oden Cassidy, Peter DiPietrantonio, Richard Doughty, William Dunwoody, Susan Dupler, Jim Farrell, Kevin Kendall, Paul Knowlton, Steve Leach, Penelope Lovejoy, Jim McKenney, Carol Pillsbury, Wayne Werts

Regional Coordinators: Jim Caron, Donnie Carroll, Joanne LeBrun, Rick Petrie

Staff: Jay Bradshaw, Dwight Corning, Dawn Kinney, Drexell White, Laura Yustak Smith (AAG)

Guest: Bruce Tupper (Chief, New Gloucester Fire), Peter Bragdon (Director, New Gloucester Rescue), Paul Marcolini (QI Coordinator, TCEMS)

1. Introduction of Guests

Dr. John Alexander was introduced to the group as a new member representing Southern Maine EMS (previously held by Dr. Charles Little). Dr. Alexander is an emergency department physician at Maine Medical Center. Dr. Little's term expired in October 2002 and he has moved out of the region. Recognition for Dr. Little's extensive involvement with the Board will be made.

2. Minutes of October 2, 2002, meeting.

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the October 2, 2002, meeting. (Cassidy; second by Dunwoody). Unanimous

3. Old Business – none

4. New Business

a. Budget Update

Jay reported that MEMS received a \$25,000 cut in FY03 to help balance the current year's fiscal shortfall. Jay also reported that there have been a considerable number of impact statements requested by the Governor's transition team, there has been no response on the extent of the cuts for FY04/05. However, it is reasonable to expect both layoffs and significant cuts across state government as a result of the deficit.

b. Legislative Update

Jay distributed a copy of the Maine EMS Legislation Update that is revised weekly, or as pertinent information becomes available. There are many bills that MEMS will be monitoring because of their potential impact on EMS. Updated copies will be e-mailed to Board members and others who have requested same as they become available.

c. Operations Team Items

None at this time

d. Investigations Committee Action Items – none.

e. EMS Rules changes

Jay and Drexell reviewed the hearing schedule and the process for conducting the hearings. Following the hearings, a summary of public testimony will be compiled for discussion and action at the next Board meeting.

f. Waiver Request – New Gloucester Rescue

Chief Tupper and Rescue Director Bragdon presented their request to change regional affiliation from Tri-County EMS to Southern Maine EMS. In accordance with the EMS Rules, the request was submitted to both regions affected by the change. SMEMS agreed to accept New Gloucester; however, TCEMS citing the destination of the majority of New Gloucester patients.

Following considerable discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: To table the New Gloucester waiver request until such time as there is a change in New Gloucester's transporting service affiliation or patient destination trend. (Doughty; second by Werts). Carried.

g. Nominating Committee Report

Alan Azzara reported that the Committee nominates Carol Pillsbury for Chair, and Steve Leach for Chair-elect.

Leo asked if there were any other nominations from the Board, and there were none.

MOTION: To accept the Nomination Committee's report and to accept the slate as presented. (Werts; second by McKenney). Unanimous

h. Annual EMS Awards

Jay requested Board members to serve on an ad-hoc committee to review nominations for the annual EMS awards. The following members volunteered: Sue Dupler, Oden Cassidy, and Bob Ashby. Dawn Kinney will be the MEMS staff member and a regional coordinator will also be participating.

i. Other

None at this time

5. Staff Update

a. MEMS

i. NEDARC Workshop

Jay reported that he and Bill Dunwoody will be attending a workshop conducted by the National EMSC Data Analysis and Resource Center Feb 4-7. This is a condition of the EMSC grant, which also pays for the expenses, but due to a number of other conflicts in the past, MEMS has not been able to attend.

ii. AED Grant

The winning bid for AEDs purchased under the federal Rural Access to Emergency Devices grant was \$1,295 by Bound Tree Corporation. As a result, 178 AEDs have been purchased for distribution through the regional partnerships detailed in the grant. In addition, Bound Tree has agreed to honor this price through the end of 2003 to any Maine business or organization that is interested in purchasing an AED.

iii. E-mail changes

Maine state government has a new domain name for e-mail and web services. "state.me.us" is being replaced with "maine.gov" both addresses will continue to work for a considerable time.

b. MDPB

i. NASEMSD

Dr. Burton reported that since the Board last met, the National Association of State EMS Directors held its annual meeting in South Portland, and as part of that meeting, state EMS medical directors met to discuss a number of items of mutual interest, including: critical care transport, bioterrorism, and liability coverage for medical directors. His review of the meeting was that it was beneficial and he complimented the Maine EMS staff for their efforts to make the meeting such a success.

At the January MDPB meeting, discussion continued on the airway management module (including LMA & Combitubes), which will be the next big change to face EMS in the coming years.

At the next meeting, it is expected that the MDPB will receive a proposal for critical care interfacility transfer protocols. Consideration will also include input from a number of other Committees (e.g. Education and the Operations Team) before being presented as an action item to the Board.

ii. The next meeting of the MDPB is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 9:30 – 12:30. However, this date may be changed due to a conflict with school vacation week

6. Other

a. Next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, February 5, 2003, at 9:30.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35.